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***positions* Receives the 2008 CELJ Award for Best Special Issue**

“War Capital Trauma,” a special issue of *positions: east asia cultures critique*, was unanimously selected as the winner of the 2008 Council of Editors of Learned Journals Award for Best Special Issue.

Contributors to “War Capital Trauma” explore the notions of trauma and memory, address inequalities in non-Western societies, and seek to enable political intervention in world suffering. One judge commented that “the theme of trauma has been with us for a long while, but this special issue expands it both geographically, with essays that address a number of Asian cultures, and also conceptually, by linking [to trauma] the idea of capital.” With a focus on Asian perceptions of trauma during human rights crises, the issue seeks to understand how the term *trauma* contributes to political language in literary criticism, epistemology, and psychology.

Essays range from reports on sexual war crimes in Japan and survival during the Khmer Rouge attacks to a discussion of the *manga Akira* and the atom bomb. As the editors explain in the introduction, “Trauma as concept or ‘theory’ . . . has no substitute; nothing else stands by to replace the term or to focus our attention as it does.”

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